

Monsoon Recap WNW from Papago Park, 08-17-2014, D. Henz



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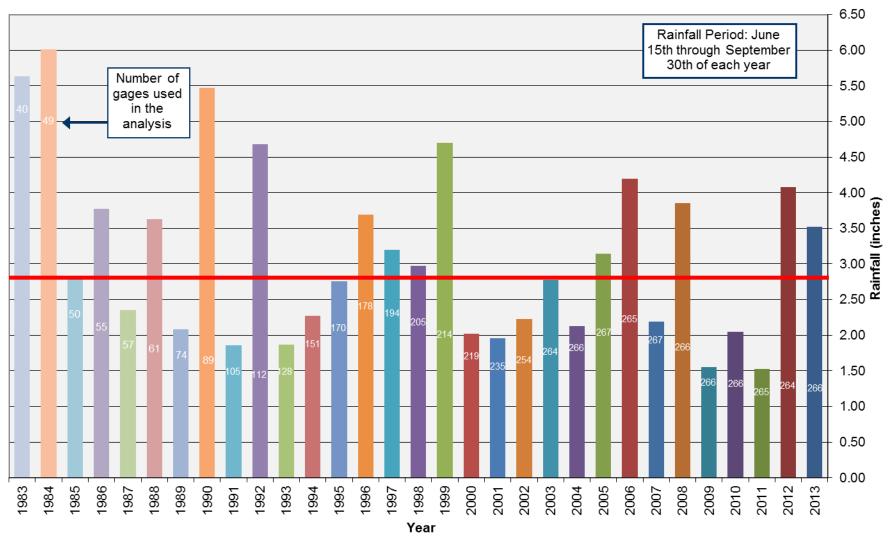
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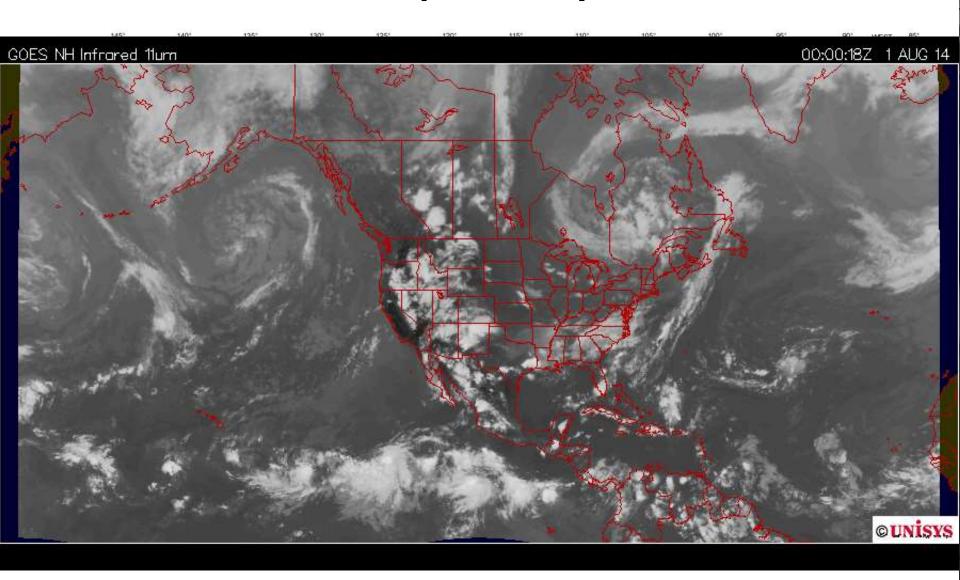
Average Summer Thunderstorm Season Rainfall

Flood Control District of Maricopa County ALERT Rain Gages



30 year average, 2.84"

2014 Tropical Cyclones



TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014

Laveen's 960-Year **Flood Event**

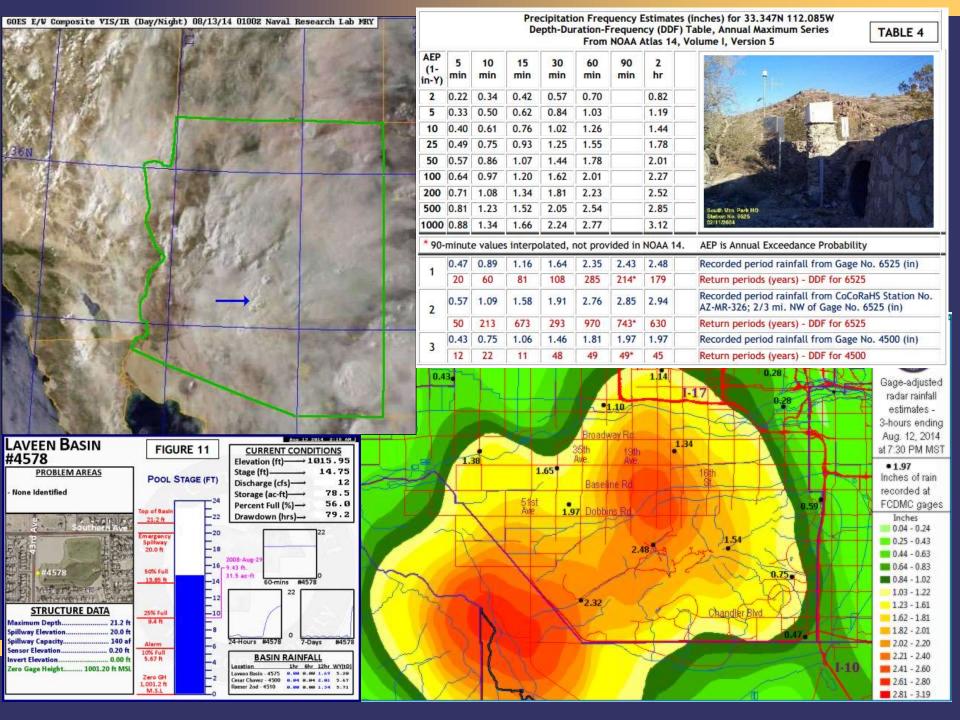
The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for Maricopa County on Tuesday, August 12, however no one could have predicted the flooding that would occur in the South Mountain area that evening.

The monsoon storm dropped over 2.5 inches of rain in south Phoenix over a period of several hours. Sixteen people had to be rescued in Laveen after water from an overflowing canal poured onto Dobbins Road near 19th Avenue. Runoff from the mountains transformed normally quiet neighborhood streets into fastflowing rivers. Floodwaters from the streets quickly topped curbs, seeped into yards and eventually into the homes of multiple homeowners. What was already a horrible situation for residents became devastating when they learned that their homes were insured for water damage but not flood damage. Instead of simply paying an insurance deductible, they would now be faced with tens-of-thousands of dollars in flood repairs.

The District received numerous calls about the assistance that would be provided to these affected homeowners. Our response, information. In addition to passing out pamphlets about the National Flood Insurance Program, the Floodplain Management and Services Division created a site on the District's webpage where anyone can learn the expenses associated with flood damage and how to avoid incurring those costs by obtaining flood insurance. We encourage you to share this site with your friends, family and our customers. NATIONAL FLOOD

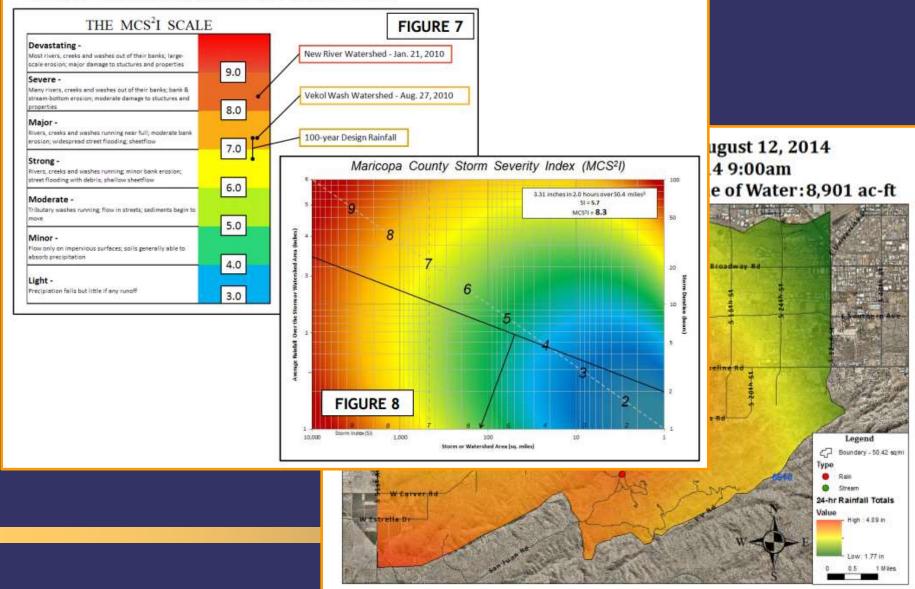


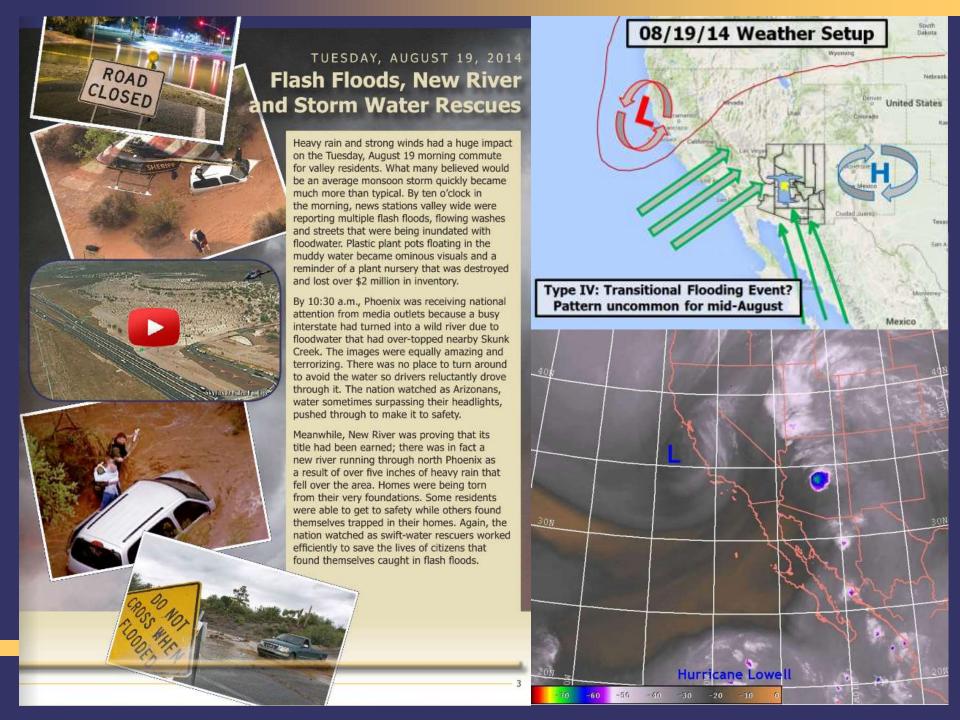




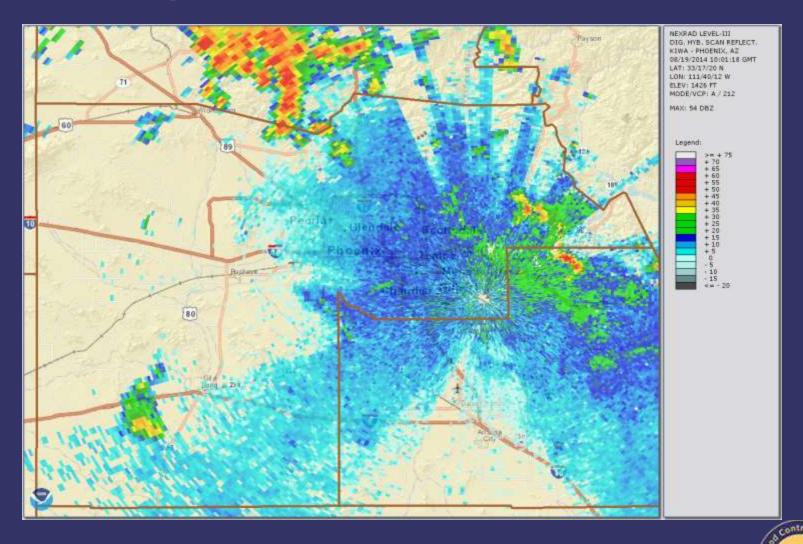
Maricopa County Storm Severity Index (MCS21), developed by FCDMC

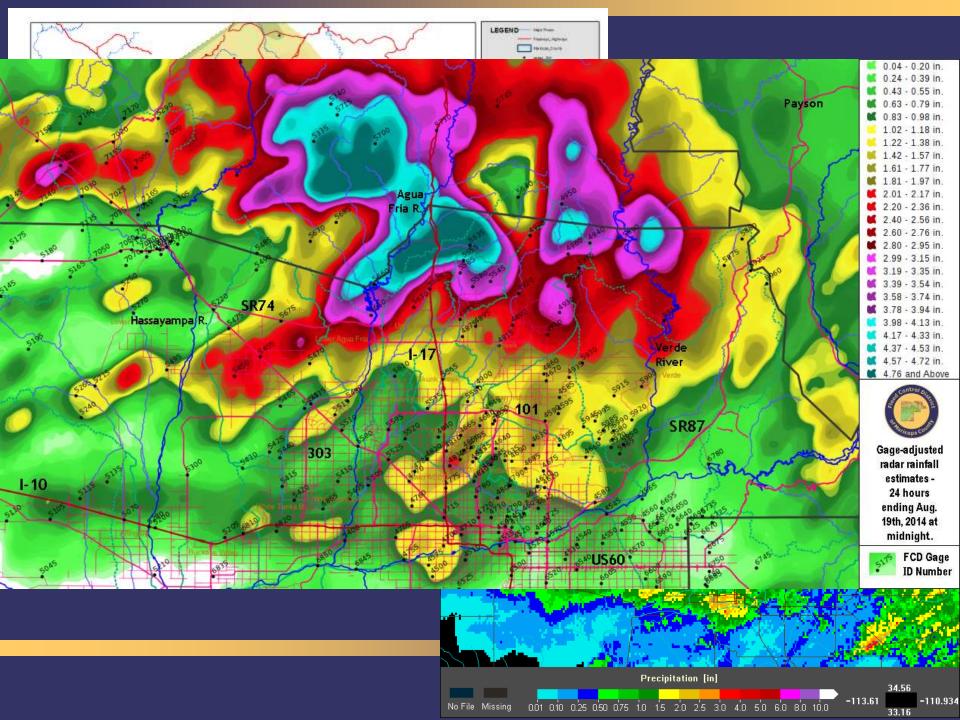
MCS²I is an index that classifies the severity of a storm based on the area covered, the avererage rainfall over that area (from gage-adjusted radar estimates), and the storm duration. For this storm, we chose the area from the watershed divide in South Mountain Park north to the Western Canal, and from 32nd St. to 51st Ave. The storm scores an MCS²I of 8.3, categorized as Severe on the MCS²I Scale.



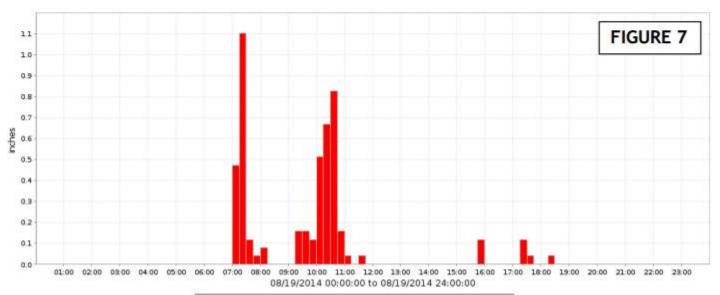


August 19th Radar Loop



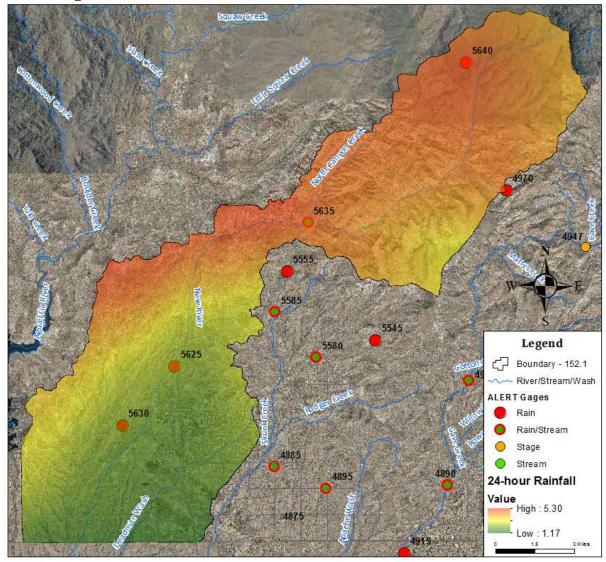


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2		0.57	0.77	0.95	1.10	1.18	1.39	1.69	2.08
5		0.83	1.12	1.39	1.57	1.66	1.89	2.27	2.90
10		1.02	1.37	1.70	191	2.00	2.24	2.67	3.48
25		1.26	1.70	2.10	2.36	2.46	2.72	3.18	4.26
50		1.45	1.95	2.41	2.71	2.82	3.09	3.57	4.89
100		1.65	2.22	2.75	3.09	3.22	3.49	3.99	5.56
200		1.85	2.49	3.09	3.47	3.63	3.90	4.39	6.25
500		2.14	2.87	3.56	4.02	4.21	4.46	4.94	7.23
1000		2.37	3.19	3.94	4.46	4.69	4.91	5.40	8.01
Rain	(in)	1.26	1.65	2.24	2.64	2.72	4.49	4.80	4.80
AEP	(years)	25	22	34	44	41	524	396	45





Storm over New River Watershed August 19th, 2014 8/19/2014 5:00pm - 8/20/2014 5:00pm Average Rainfall 3.51" - Total Volume of Water 28,473 ac-ft

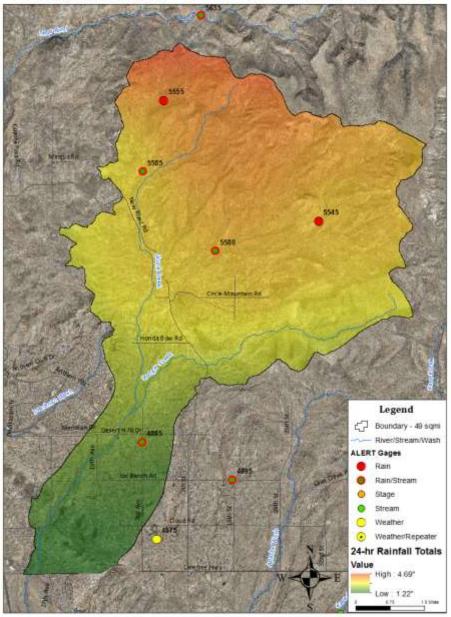


New River above Carefree Hwy.

The rain gages in this watershed had an average duration for the heaviest rainfall of 4.5 hours, with an average of 0.26 inches outside that 4.5 hours. The calculated average rainfall includes the estimated rainfall for gage #5640 at the top of the watershed. The MCS21 parameters are 3.07 inches in 4.5 hours over 152 square miles. Its MCS2I score is 8.1



Storm over Skunk Creek Watershed August 19th, 2014 8/19/2014 5:00pm - 8/20/2014 5:00pm Average Rainfall 3.04" - Total Volume of Water 7,945 ac-ft



Skunk Creek above Carefree Hwy.

The rain gages in this watershed had an average duration for the heaviest rainfall of 5 hours, with an average of 0.38 inches outside that 5 hours. So the MCS2I parameters are 2.66 inches in 5 hours over 49 square miles. Its MCS2I score is 7.7



Watershed Gage ID Gage Name Peak Stage Peak Discharge Peak Discharge Return

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		(in downstream order)	from Gage	from Gage	from IM	Period	Storage	Capacity	Time of Peak
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New River	5638	New River Fire	11.00		32,600 (4)	Unknown			
0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	09513780	New River near Rock Springs, AZ		1	52,000 (3)	320(1)			
	N/A	New River @ New River Elementary			39,300 (3)	Q ₁₀₀ =32,000	1	8 9	
	5614	New River Dam	30.38				5,620	12.9	8/19/2014 18:41
Skunk Creek	5588	Skunk Creek near New River	3.37	1,054		8 (2)			8/19/2014 7:24
	5583	Cline Creek	7.76	5,953	5,850 (4)	52 (2)	5	(4)	8/19/2014 7:45
	N/A	Cline Creek @ New River Rd.			7,200 (3)	Q ₁₀₀ =13,747			
	N/A	Skunk Creek @ Dove Valley Rd.			18,700 (3)	Q ₁₀₀ =27,000			
i i	5568	Skunk Creek @ I-17	6.67	13,161 (5)		20			8/19/2014 10:15
	09513860	Skunk Creek near Phoenix, AZ	6.61	12,872 (5)	12,700 (3)	19			
	5539	Adobe Dam	13.95				990	5.3	8/19/2014 15:09
Cave Creek	4963	Seven Springs Wash	5.42	1,090		< 2 (2)		2 5	8/19/2014 11:53
	4947	Cave Creek @ Ashdale	11.24	8,735		(7)		0 13	8/19/2014 11:39
	4923	Cave Creek @ Spur Cross Rd.	Failed		9,240 (3)	16 (2)			
	09512280	Cave Creek blw. Cottonwood Cr.	Failed	9	9,240 (3)	16 (2)			-6.
	4893	Cave Creek	12.75	17,190		28 (2)	2	20 (1) 12 (3)	8/19/2014 12:28
	4918	Cave Creek near Cave Creek	10.30	14,740	15,000 (4)	36 (2)			8/19/2014 12:47
	4904	Cave Buttes Dam	36.77				1,977	4.3	8/21/2014 19:06
Hassayampa	5352	Hassayampa R. @ Wagoner	2.18	307		< 2 (2)		S S	8/19/2014 5:38
River	5308	Hassayampa R. @ Box Canyon	8.60	3,660		2 (2)			8/19/2014 14:52
	7168	Antelope Creek	4.54	3,580		9 (2)			8/19/2014 14:39
	7013	Martinez Creek	8.93	7,600		8 (2)	8	37 G	8/19/2014 15:00
	5228	Hassayampa R. @ US 60	Failed	(8)					

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Table XI - Runoff & Impoundment Summary by Watershed

Peak %

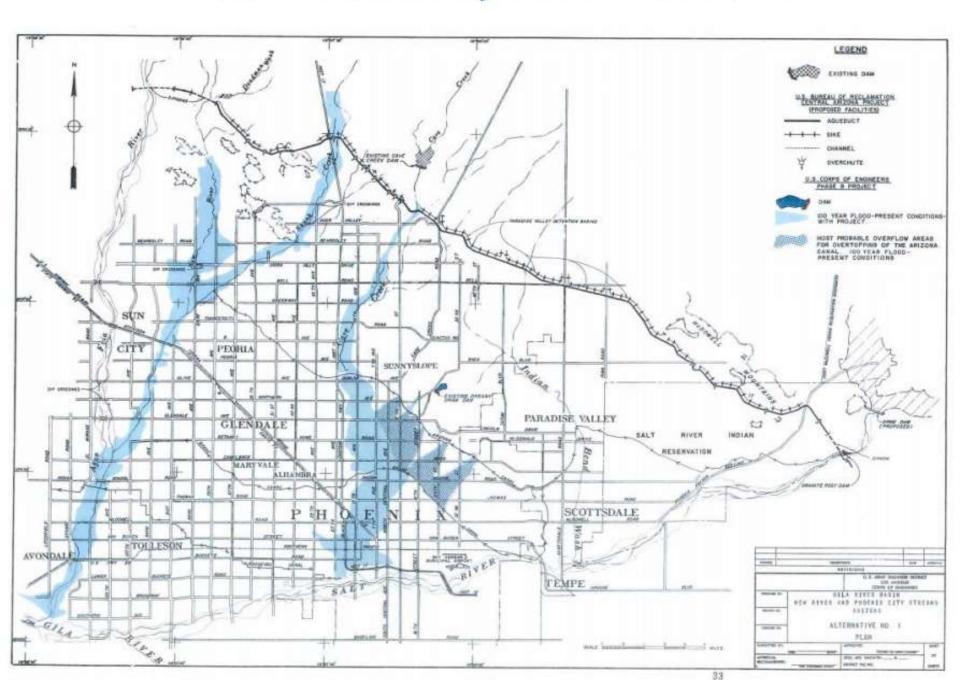
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Peak

Areas Protected by USCOE Facilities



Monday, September 8, 2014

Norbert and the Record-Shattering Rainfall

Although Hurricane Norbert never made landfall, its moisture, combined with the residual moisture from the North American Monsoon, increased the rainfall across the Desert Southwest causing flash floods in southern Nevada, southern California and Arizona. Portions of Maricopa County experienced record-breaking rainfall totals from the slow-moving storm while other parts just got a little wet.

Early morning Monday, September 8, many valley residents reported being awakened by bright flashes of lightning and loud crashes of thunder along with heavy rain. Motorists beginning their morning commute along the I-10 found themselves stranded due to standing and rapidly rising flood water that was accumulating at 43rd Avenue. Valley wide, commuters that braved the weather were faced with heavy rain, flooded streets, traffic accidents, detours, sinkholes and malfunctioning traffic lights.

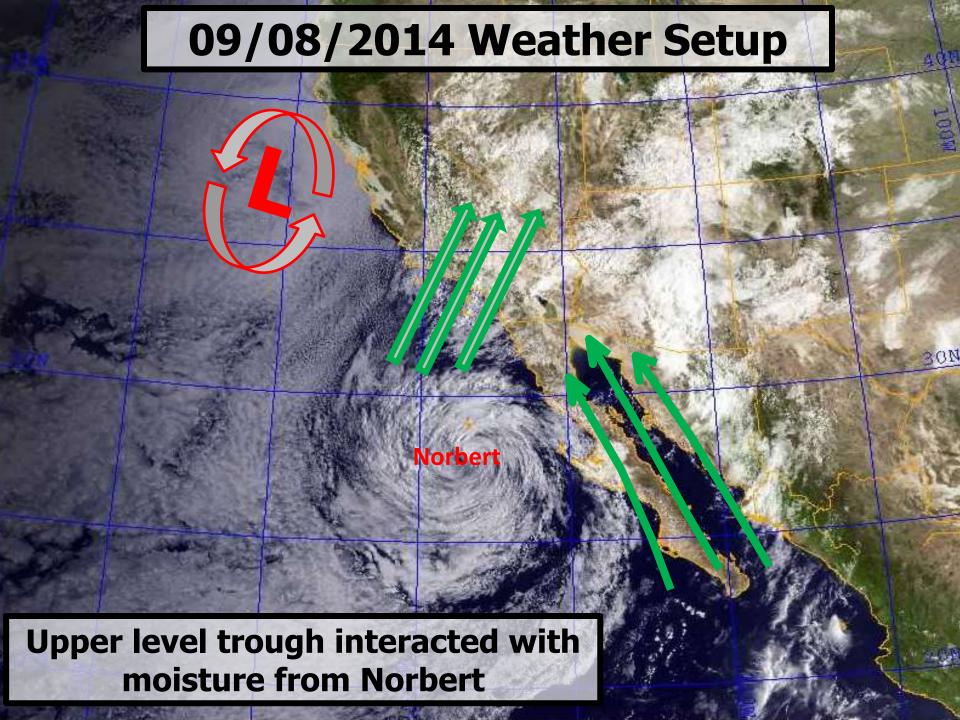
Recognizing the potential danger, schools, college campuses and even some businesses began to close. Other businesses had no choice and had to close their doors due to floodwater in their facilities or rooftops that caved from the weight of the water.

Residents that were in the process of renovating their homes from previous storms were flooding once again. Others watched as basins in their neighborhoods overtopped sending water onto their property and into their homes. Realizing the need for assistance, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and AZ Governor Jan Brewer declared states of emergency.

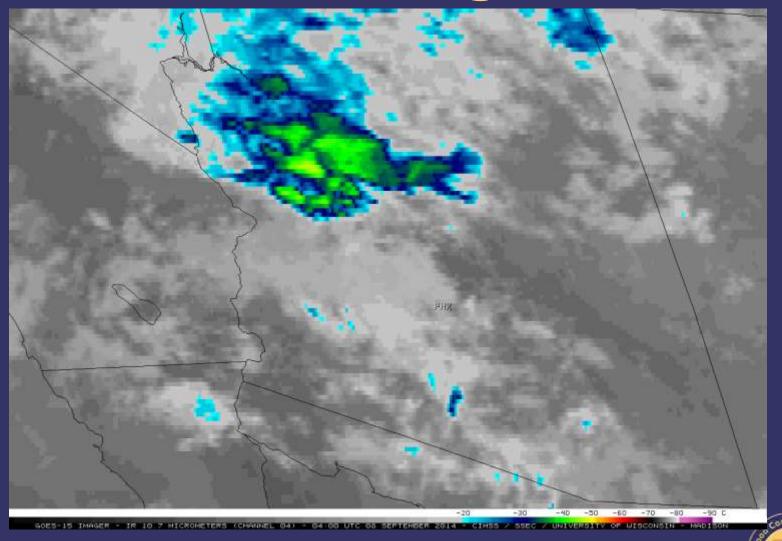
By day's end, the 2.91-inch rainfall record that was set in 1933 had been broken. Sky Harbor International reported that 3.29 inches of rain had fallen in Phoenix, AZ making September 8 the wettest day on record in 117 years.





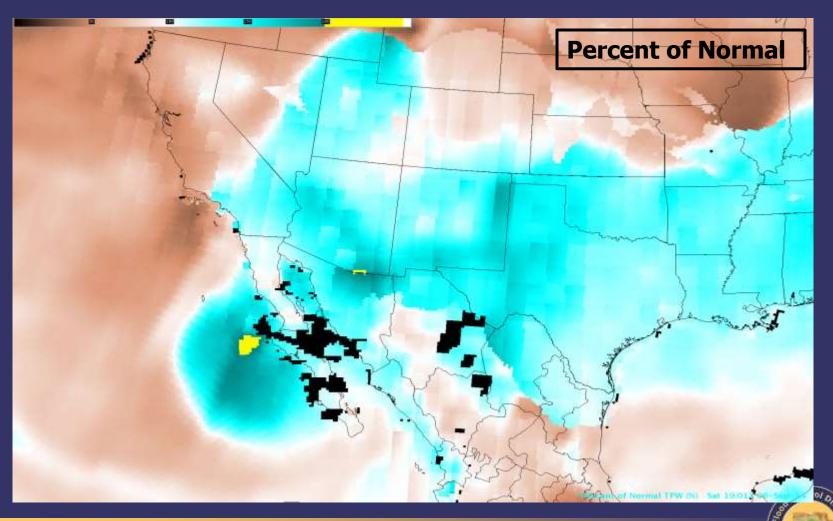


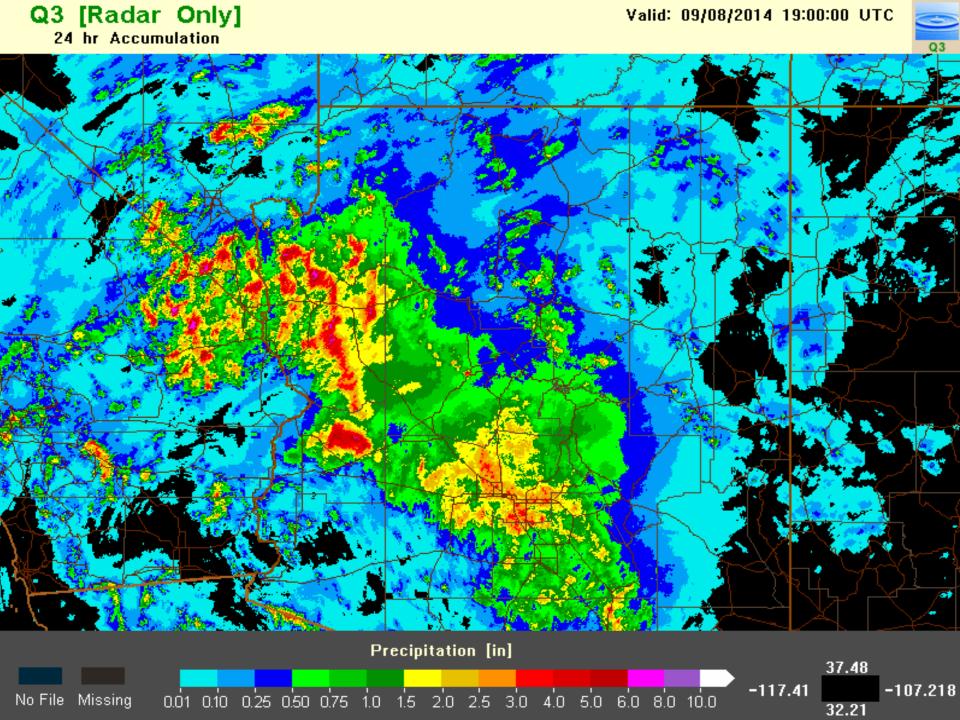
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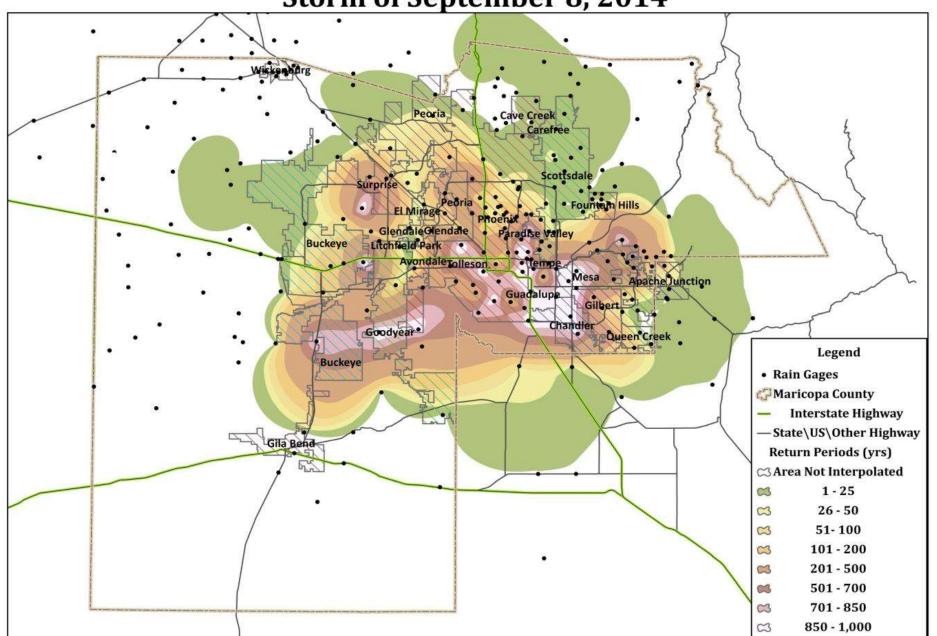
Precipitable Water

(Loop during 9/8 rain event)





6 Hour Rainfall Return Periods Storm of September 8, 2014

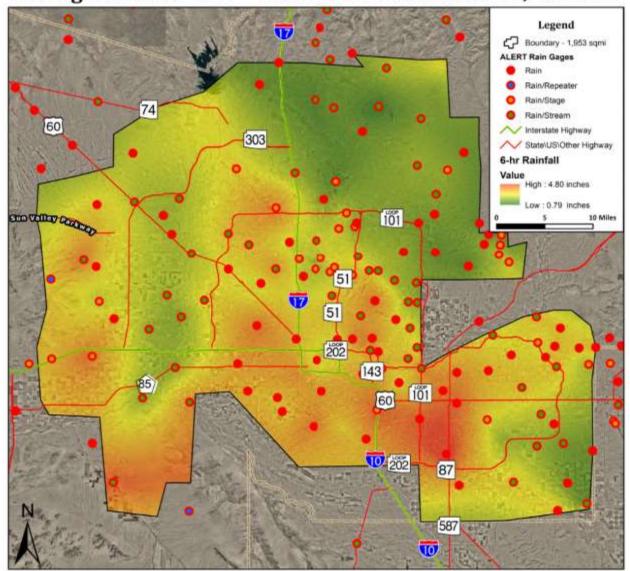


Fun Sep. 8th Storm Facts

- Maximum 15-min. rainfall was 1.46 inches at Paradise Valley Country Club
 return period of 357 years.
- Maximum 1-hour rainfall was 2.76 inches at Narrows Damsite return period of 660 years.
- Maximum 6-hour rainfall was 5.12 inches at Chandler Blvd. @ Alma School
 return period of 1,000 years.
- Maximum 12-hour rainfall was 5.51 inches at Chandler Blvd. @ Alma School – also a return period of 1,000 years.
- 26 FCD rain gages had a 3, 6 or 12 hour 1,000-year rainfall.
- 91 FCD rain gages had a 3, 6 or 12 hour 100 year rainfall.
- 29 FCD stream gages had their highest-ever recorded flow.
- 16 dams & basins had their highest-ever impoundment.
- 1 FCD basin overtopped by 1 ½ feet Tatum Basin.
- The amount of rain that fell over metro Phoenix could nearly fill Horseshoe and Bartlett Lakes on the Verde River.
- The FCD website had over 1.1 million hits.



Phoenix Rain Index September 8th, 2014 6 Hour 9/8/2014 1:00am - 9/8/2014 7:00am Average Rainfall 2.51" - Total Volume of Water 261,233 ac-ft



For this storm, inputs to MCS2I were 2.51 inches over 1,953 sq. mi. in 6 hours. Its MCS2I score is 8.8. For comparison, the storm of Jan. 21, 2010 scored a 7.7 (1.7 inches in 24 hours) and the storm of Aug. 2, 2005 an 8.1 (1.0 inch in 4 hours).

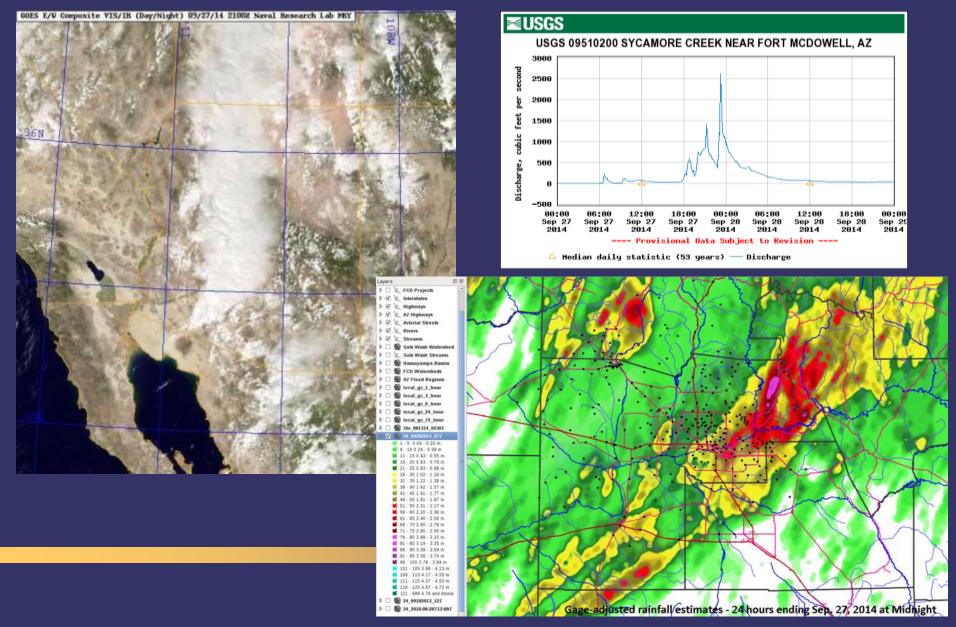


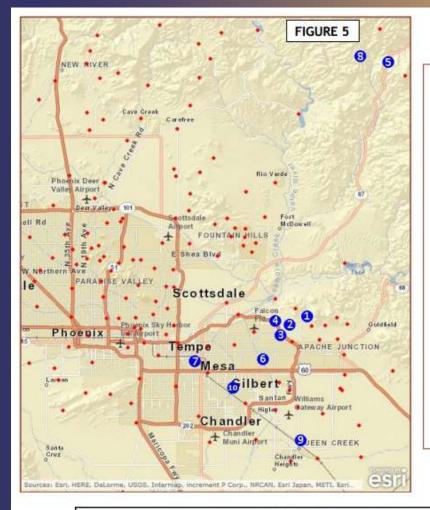
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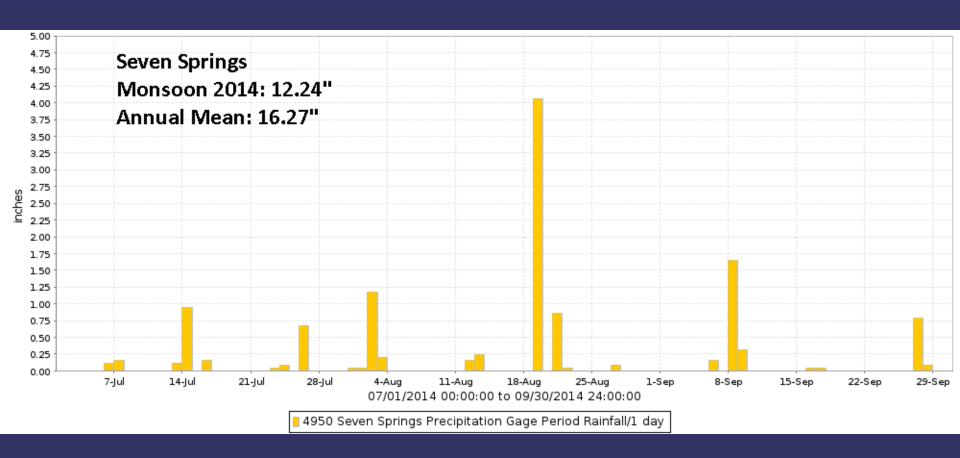
- 1) Usery Park WS #6650
- 2) McDowell @ Hawes #6630
- 3) Spookhill @ McKellips #6635
- 4) Spookhill FRS # 4560
- 5) Iron Dike #5925
- 6) EMF @ Broadway #6570
- 7) Kleinman Park #4530
- 8) Sycamore Cr. West Fork #5875
- 9) Queen Creek Rd. #6610
- 10) Freestone Basin #6605

Return Periods (years) by Duration								TAI	TABLE I	
Storm of September 27, 2014										
Map #	Gage ID	Elev. (ft)	15min	30min	1hr	2hrs	3hrs	6hrs	12hrs	24hrs
1	6650	2,115	18	8	4	10	54	52	26	8
2	6630	1,750	5	2	3	8	37	39	23	8
3	6635	1,590	4	3	4	9	43	50	34	10
4	4560	1,580	4	4	9	18	53	42	28	8
5	5925	4,510	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	2
6	6570	1,340	4	6	4	8	35	42	30	10
7	4530	1,220	5	3	10	33	48	30	27	10
8	5875	4,930	2	2	2	4	5	3	2	2
9	6610	1,410	4	11	11	28	54	30	21	8
10	6605	1.245	4	2	4	13	37	29	12	9

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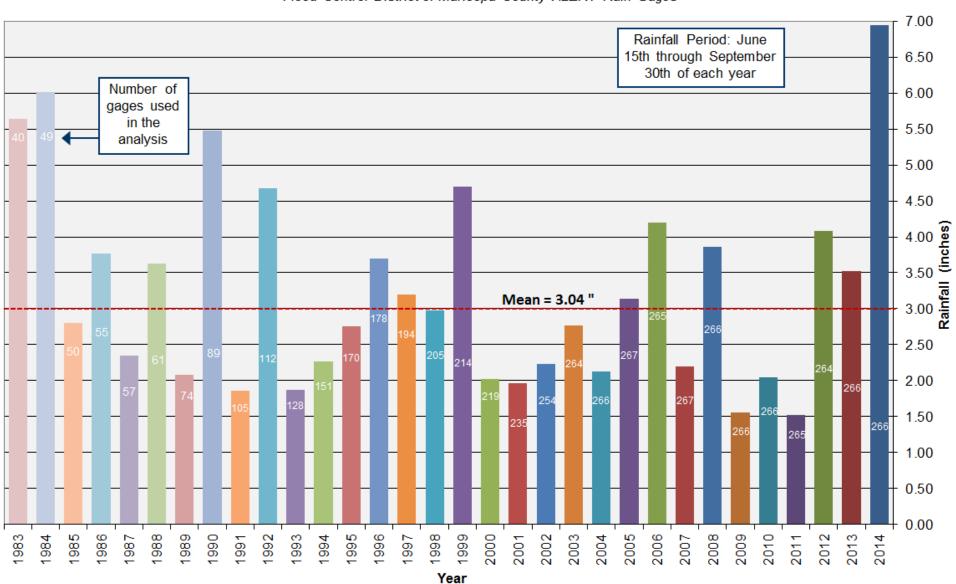
Daily Rainfall – July 1 through Sept. 30

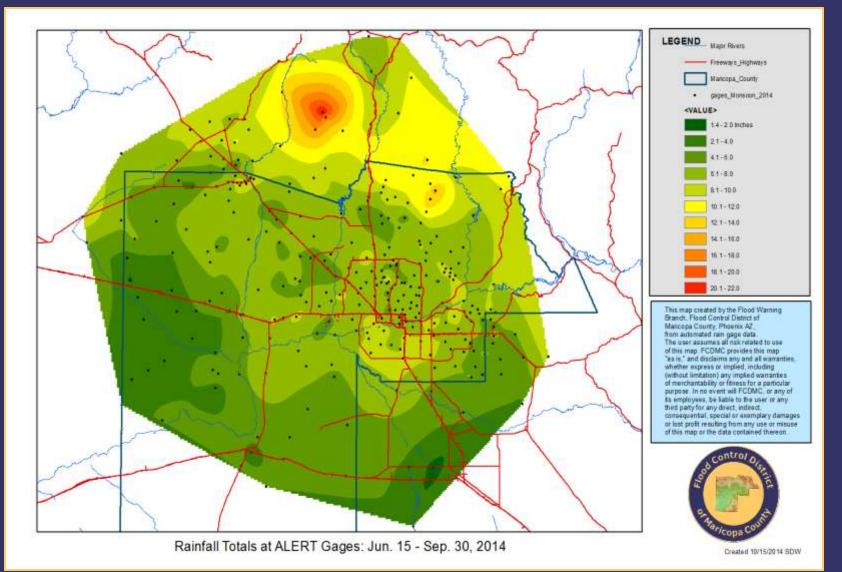




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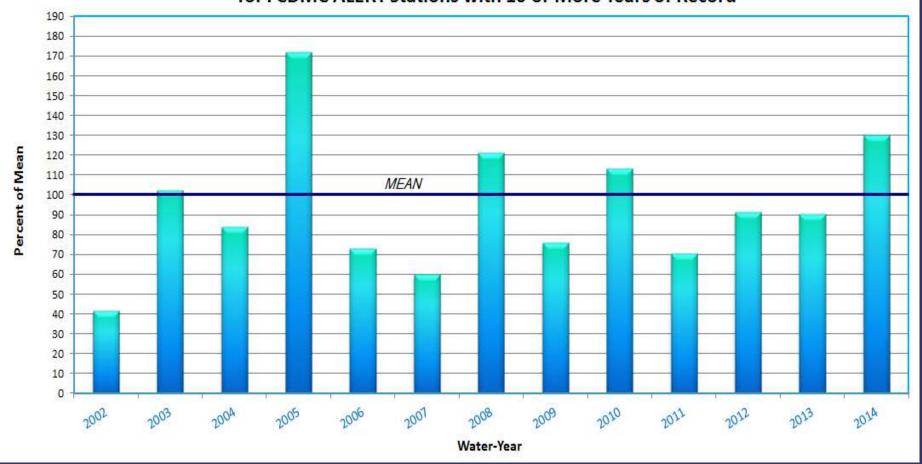
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Average Percent of Annual Mean Precipitation for FCDMC ALERT Stations with 10 or More Years of Record





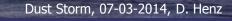
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